

[6th September 1928]

Appointment of Mr. Sundara Rao Nayudu as Judge of the Court of Small Causes.

* 194 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the principles under which Mr. Sundara Rao Nayudu was selected for appointment as a Judge of the Court of Small Causes;

(b) whether he was a prominent member of the Justice Party, and whether he was recommended to the Government by any prominent leader of the Justice Party;

(c) whether there were other candidates for the vacancy, whose merits were considered by the Government;

(d) if the answer to clause (c) is in the affirmative, the names of such candidates, and the reasons, why Mr. Sundara Rao Nayudu was preferred ultimately by the Government;

(e) whether it is a fact that the Government have recently come to an understanding with certain leaders of the Justice Party in the matter of appointments to higher services;

(f) if the answer to clause (e) is in the affirmative, what is the understanding that has been arrived at, and with whom, and whether this had anything to do with the assurance of co-operation with the Simon Commission by the Justice Party; and

(g) if the answer to (e) is in the affirmative, whether Mr. Sundara Rao Nayudu's appointment as Judge of Court of Small Causes was in pursuance of the understanding arrived at?

A.—(a), (b), (c) & (d) Out of a number of candidates Mr. Sundara Rao Nayudu was considered the most suitable for the appointment.

(e), (f) & (g) There was no such or any other understanding.

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"May I know from the hon. the Law Member who the other candidates were for this appointment?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Having regard to the feeling of those unsuccessful candidates, I shall not give out their names"

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"May I know why the hon. the Law Member fights shy of the feeling of unsuccessful candidates?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Because I have respect for the feelings of others."

Proposed direct recruitments to district and subordinate judgementships.

* 195 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the Government are going to make direct recruitments to district judgementships and subordinate judgementships and if so, how many posts in each?

A.—There is no such proposal before the Government at present.

Mr. BASHEEB AHMAD SAYEED:—"May I know whether the Government have submitted any rules or schemes to the Government of India for the recruitment of subordinate and district judges?"